

America: The Story of Us

Division

1. What major event was “sweeping the world” in the 1800’s?
2. Why is the Erie Canal important?
3. Because of the influx of wealth, what word was invented in 1840?
4. Discuss the significance of the invention of the Cotton Gin
5. Explain What happened to the value of a slave after the cotton gin was invented?
6. Describe the impact of the following inventions:
 - Power Loom –
 - Cotton Gin –
 - Whale Oil Lamps –
7. What percentage of African Americans were slaves ?
8. What are some punishments a runaway slave might face?
9. What was the best hope for escaped slaves?
10. Describe the role that Harriet Tubman played in aiding escaped slaves?
11. What was the financial impact of the loss of runaway slaves?

12. What impact did the novel, Uncle Tom's Cabin, have on the country?

13. Why did Bleeding Kansas take place?

14. John Brown was considered a hero in North, but a _____ in the South

15. Explain the significance of the following dates:

a. Nov. 6th, 1860 –

b. Dec. 20th, 1860 –

c. Feb. 1861

